GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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DEEMED UNIVERSITY STATUS TO IASE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has not given permission to Institute of Advanced Studies in Education (IASE) a deemed University in Rajasthan to set up study centres;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith reasons therefor;

(c) whether IASE has set up more than 900 study centres all over the country;

(d) if so, the action taken in this regard;

(e) whether Income Tax Department raided the IASE's Delhi Study Centres;

(f) if so, the details thereof alongwith outcome of the raid;

(g) whether the Universities in Chhattisgarh on being directed to shut down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court are trying to obtain affiliation from IASE; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) and (b): According to the information received from the University Grants Commission (UGC), Institute of Advanced Studies in Education (IASE) was not permitted to set up any off campus centre or study centres outside its Headquarters in Sardarshahr (Rajasthan), as they were not covered under the UGC's Guidelines on 'Deemed to be Universities' and did not have the prior approval of the Distance Education Council, which is the competent authority in matters of standards of education in the distance mode.

(c): UGC has informed that as per latest information furnished by IASE , there are 216 study centres. However, earlier, IASE submitted a list of about 700 study centres.

(d): UGC has repeatedly asked IASE to close down all its unauthorized study centres. UGC has also posted notice on its website informing general public about non- recognition of study centres of certain institutions declared as 'Deemed to be Universities', including those of IASE.

(e) & (f): As per the information furnished by IASE, there was a report of an Income Tax raid at KCC Software, a study centre of various universities including that of IASE.

(g) & (h): UGC has stated that it had received a letter from the Government of Chhattisgarh on the issue of Private Universities. The State Government was informed by UGC that the IASE cannot affiliate any institute or college.